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Reston Network Analysis & Funding Advisory Group MEETING #13 MINUTES

DATE: November 21, 2016
TIME: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
LOCATION: Lake Anne Professional Building

ATTENDEES:

Advisory Group

Andy Sigle (Advisory Group Chair)
Cate Fulkerson
Maggie Parker
Delores Bailey
Mark Looney
Bailey Edilson

Staff

Tom Biesiadny (FCDOT, Director)
Kristin Calkins (FCDOT, Network Analysis Project Manager)
Janet Nguyen (FCDOT, Funding Plan Project Manager)
Ken Kallowick (FCDOT)
Paul Davis (Hunter Mill District Office)

Absent: Tim Cohn, Bill Keefe, John Mossgrove, Robert Goudie

I. Meeting Summary

This was the thirteenth meeting of the Reston Network Analysis and Funding Advisory Group. This meeting had a presentation on and discussion of the Funding Plan. Hardcopies of the presentations were provided to all attendees; a digital version is available on the project website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/restonnetworkanalysis/>

General Discussion

- Chairman Andy Sigle called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- The meeting minutes for September 16 were approved unanimously. Approved minutes are posted on the project website.
- Kristin updated the group on projects and meetings related to the Network Analysis:
 - The third public meeting on the Reston Network Analysis/Funding Plan was held on November 7. At the meeting the results of Tier 3 were presented, as well as the latest information on the Funding Plan. There was a question and answer session with the community after both presentations.
 - There was a public meeting on the Hunter Mill Road and Sunset Hills Road Study on November 17. At the meeting the Staff Preferred Alternative was presented to the community. The comment period on the presentation is open till December 9th.

Reston Funding Plan Public Q&A

- A member of the community suggested that prior to posting online a clarification should be included on slide 15, relating to the phasing analysis. Staff agreed that it was a good suggestion.

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- A member of the community thanked staff for following up on his concerns at the intersection of Hitchcock Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive.
- A member of the audience indicated that they preferred the 50/50 split for the Service District, and thought it would allow developments to find financing. The Service District will also be a more reliable source of funding for the TSA. They also felt that the residential rate should be no more than Tysons.
- A question was asked about how the size of residential units was developed. Staff answered that it was based off of the Comprehensive Plan, as was Tysons'.
- There was a clarification that the Tysons Funding Plan Rates shown were adjusted for size.
- A comment was made that the current rate for commercial in the Funding Plan might be a heavy lift for developments.
- A question was asked about what is private in the Funding Plan. Staff indicated that public are funds available countywide (federal, state and county raised revenues) and private funds are those generated in the specific area.
- A community member asked why Reston's Funding plan is different from Tysons' and why County bonds could not be used to pay for the projects. Staff indicated that there was a process developed that started looking at the Funding Plan in Tysons as a base, but changed due to the differences in Reston. Staff also indicated that County bonds would be going towards the public side of the funding plan.
- A question was raised about when the Advisory Group work would end. Staff indicated around the end of the first quarter of 2017.
- A member of the community asked if more members were going to be added to the Advisory Group. Staff indicated that the meetings are open to the public, have had a large community and public involvement, and that the Advisory Group was appointed by the Supervisor.
- A question was raised about the benefit of the widening of West Ox Road in the near term. Staff indicate that the benefits are seen in the future, so a near term widening would not be likely.

Advisory Group Discussion

- An Advisory Group member indicated that they needed more time for the Reston Association Board to provide input into the process, and the advertisement on December 8 would not allow them to contribute to the conversation.
- The Advisory Group discussed the work done to date and their charter to provide guidance to staff. A reminder was made that the Advisory Group had already approved on September 26 a document of high level feedback from the group.
- A question was asked if there needed to be a single recommendation on a Plan from the Advisory Group. Staff indicated that it would be helpful prior to the advertisement of the Public Hearing, but if necessary they could be comfortable with Scenario 11.
- An Advisory Group member recommended that there be a range decided on, and that staff and the public hearing process should determine the final plan.
- An Advisory Group member asked to identify the scenario that had the least burden on the existing citizens. Staff indicated that in any scenario, citizens would only be directly affected by a service district. Those scenarios with lower service district rates would affect citizens the least.
- An Advisory Group member suggested that elected officials should decide the final solution indicating that the choice is difficult and value laden; the Advisory Group has given good feedback through a range of rates.

- An Advisory Group member indicated that they could be comfortable with Scenario 10. A second Advisory Group member agreed, and indicated that they might be willing to consider a hybrid between Scenario 10 and 11.
- The Advisory Group decided they were comfortable with postponing the advertisement of the Public Hearing to allow for further discussion, possible new scenarios, and to allow for the RA Board to contribute their thoughts.
- They determined that a new meeting on Monday, December 19 would be held, with a main agenda item being feedback from the Staff presentation at the Reston Association meeting on December 15– from both staff and RA.

II. Action Items

- *FCDOT Staff:*
 - Determine location for December 19 meeting.
- *Advisory Group:*
 - Consider what information they need to make a decision, or if they are comfortable with their current feedback as provided.

III. Next Steps

- Planning Commission Transportation Committee, December 1
- Board Transportation Committee, December 13
- RA Board Presentation, December 15
- Advisory Group Meeting, December 19